

REMARKS

Claims 1-32 have been previously withdrawn. Claims 34, 59 and 66-69 have been previously cancelled. Claims 33, 35-58 and 60 are currently pending and have been examined. Claims 33, 35-58 and 60 have been rejected as follows.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 33-34, 40-53, and 54-60 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,256,737 (Bianco et al) in view of US Pg. Pub No. 2003/0130954 (Carr).

The Examiner rejected claims 35-38, and 39 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,256,737 (Bianco et al) in view of US Pg. Pub No. 2003/0130954 (Carr) and in view of US Patent No. 7,630,986 (Herz et al).

Applicants respectfully disagree that the cited art teach or disclose each of the limitations of the previously submitted claims. In one embodiment, the instant claim describes a biometric system that includes a first computing device with a first system access at a first enrollment station, a second computing device with a second system access at a second enrollment station, a system database including a system user record, first enrollment data and second enrollment data. Bianco's biometric policy does not specify each of the devices of the instant claim. The fact that Bianco discloses the use of one or more biometric templates does not equate to each of the devices and data of the instant claim. However, purely in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the instant application Applicant has amended claim 33 as follows:

33. (currently amended) A method for enabling a user to use a biometric system, comprising:
- receiving, at a first system access at a first computing device at a first enrollment station, first enrollment data for a user;
 - storing, in a system user record in a system database, the first enrollment data;
 - receiving, at a time asynchronous with the first system access at a second system access at a second computing device at a second enrollment station, a portion of the first enrollment data and identifying information for a user;
 - ~~receiving, at the computing device,~~ second enrollment data for the user, wherein the portion of the first enrollment data is used to locate the system user record and wherein the

second enrollment data differs from the first enrollment data, ~~wherein complete enrollment data is the combination of the first and second enrollment data required to enable usage of the biometric system for biometric authentication;~~

~~sending, from the computing device, the second enrollment data to said system database;~~
~~storing, in the system user record in said the system database, the second enrollment data in the system user record; and~~

identifying, at the system database, the system user record as active based on whether the first enrollment data and the second enrollment data together comprise the complete enrollment data, wherein the complete enrollment data is received during a plurality of asynchronous system accesses and enables the system user record for use in biometrically authenticating the user.

As can be seen the user is authenticated when the piecemeal enrollment results in the collection of the necessary data.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time.

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